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10-12-00

DEAR SIRs:

WE STRONGLY URGE YOU TO GRANT THE MUCH NEEDED PETITION - DOCKET NUMBER 98P-0151/CPI - TO PROHIBIT THE SLAUGHTER OF DOWNED ANIMALS. NOT ONLY ARE DOWNED ANIMALS AN INCREASED RISK FOR BACTERIAL CONTAMINATION, THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT SOME DOWNED ANIMALS MAY BE AFFLICTED WITH A FORM OF BOVINE SPONGIFORM ENCEPHALOPATHY. IF NOTHING IS DONE, WE'LL HAVE OUR DATED LETTERS TO PROVE THAT THERE HAD BEEN MANY WARNINGS THAT WERE IGNORED. THERE IS NO WAY TO MOVE A DOWNED ANIMAL WITHOUT CAUSING EXTREME PAIN AND ANY ANIMAL THAT IS TOO SICK OR INJURED TO STAND SHOULD NOT ENTER THE HUMAN FOOD CHAIN. THERE IS SUCH A VERY SMALL PERCENTAGE OF DOWNED ANIMALS SLAUGHTERED, THAT PROHIBITING THEIR MARKETING WOULD CAUSE LITTLE ECONOMIC HARDSHIP. 90% OF DOWNED ANIMALS COULD BE PREVENTED WITH BETTER CARE AND HANDLING, SO WHY NOT REMOVE THE MARKET FOR DOWNED ANIMALS AND PROVIDE AN INCENTIVE FOR THE INDUSTRY TO PREVENT DOWNED ANIMALS ALTOGETHER. WE KNOW THE INDUSTRY DOESN'T GIVE A DAMN HOW MUCH PAIN AND SUFFERING THESE ANIMALS ENDURE AS LONG AS THEY CAN FILL THEIR POCKETS. MY GOD! WHERE IS OUR SENSE OF MORAL DECENCY? ISN'T IT ENOUGH THAT WE KILL THEM FOR FOOD. MUST THEY BE TORTURED BEFORE THEIR SAVAGE SLAUGHTER?

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION.

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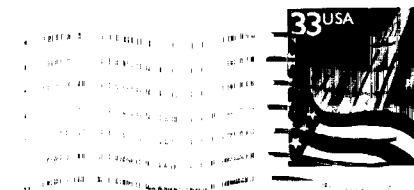
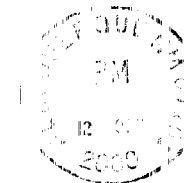
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